GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli which is a premier institution in the field of manufacturing of different types of vaccines, is reportedly facing staff crunch;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill the vacant posts and meet the shortage of the staff therein; and

(d) the further steps being taken by the Government for expansion/ modernisation of CRI, Kasauli?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) &(b): Yes. The total sanctioned strength of Central Research Institute,Kasauli is 725. Out of this, 235 posts (including 83 lapsed posts) are presently vacant. Suspension of vaccine manufacturing licence of CRI, Kasauli, the instructions for observing economy in expenditure and the delay in the recruitment process have led to occurrence of a large number of vacancies.

(c): To tide over the deficiency, CRI, Kasauli has engaged 6 Group A; 1 Group B; and 60 Group C employees on contract basis. The Union Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Commission have been approached for recommending suitable candidates against the vacant posts.

(d): Current Goods Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) compliant DPT project has been commissioned recently at CRI, Kasauli and production of trial batches have been completed in January, 2014.